

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

**FERREIRA et al.**Atty. Ref.: **3673-3**Serial No. **09/600,594**Group: **unknown**Filed: **July 19, 2000**

Examiner:

For: **MONITORING PATIENT COMPLIANCE AND  
BIOAVAILABILITY OF DRUGS BY DEPOTIZING  
BODY FLUIDS**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT****September 7, 2000**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the following amendment be entered in the  
subject allowed application.**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, after the title and before first line of text, insert as a separate paragraph:

This application is the national phase of international application

PCT/BR99/00096 filed November 23, 1999 which designated the U.S.

**REMARKS**By this amendment, the specification has been amended to reference the PCT  
application of which this application is the U.S. National Phase, as requested by 37 CFR